

Southeast Fisheries Science Center
75 Virginia Beach Drive
Miami, Florida 33149
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Dear Dealer:

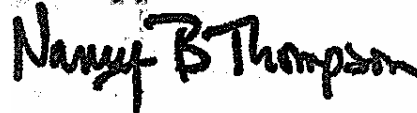
The Science and Research Director (SRD) has the responsibility of monitoring fishery quotas for the species in the Gulf Commercial Red Snapper, Gulf shallow-water grouper, Gulf deep-water grouper and the Gulf tilefish management unit. This authority can be found in 50 CFR 622.5(c)(3)(ii) and gives the SRD the authority to require dealers, when selected, to report purchases of these species. By copy of this letter, you have been selected to report the quantity in pounds that you purchase from fishermen during each period until the quota has been reached. **A report is required for every reporting period (bi-weekly).** The monthly ten day red snapper season should be reported on the first bi-weekly report of each month. If you did not purchase any species listed during a reporting period, check the box labeled no purchases in the middle of the form and return it. The fishing season for the grouper and tilefish management units opens on January 1 of each year and remains open until the quota or quotas have been reached. The fishing season for Red Snapper is scheduled to open on February 1 for the first ten days of each month until the quota has been reached. Please check the Fishery Regulations at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/> to make sure purchases can legally be made.

A reporting form is printed on the back, please complete the form and return it to SDR in the enclosed envelope or fax to 305/361-4460 **or fill out an electronic form at <https://grunt.sefsc.noaa.gov/QMS/>** not later than the 5 days following the end of the reporting period. Dealers can provide this information to a designated National Marine Fisheries Service field agent; however, arrangements for this reporting method has to be confirmed with the field agent. If you are submitting your landings data to a state trip ticket program via an electronic format, a copy of the computer file can be submitted in lieu of the paper reporting form. Please contact the local field agent to make these arrangements.

If additional copies of the form are needed, photocopies can be used. **Please note that only those purchases made from a fisherman are to be reported. Do not report purchases from other dealers or imported fish.**

The management of these important commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico are greatly facilitated by your timely reporting. If there are questions, please contact Michael Judge at (305)361-4235 or Steve Turner at (305)361-4482.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy B. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Nancy B. Thompson
Science & Research Director

DEALER REPORTING FOR GULF OF MEXICO REEF FISH QUOTA MONITORING**REPORTING PERIOD:** ____/____/2006 – ____/____/2006**Dealer Permit Number:** _____**Dealer Name:** _____**Address:** _____**City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Write the amount (pounds) for each species purchased during the reporting Period (do not include purchases from other dealer or imported fish). Please round to the nearest whole pound do not report fractions of pounds. If no purchases were made, check the box at the bottom.

SHALLOW WATER GROUPERS		
SPECIES	ROUND WEIGHT	GUTTED WEIGHT
Black Grouper:		
Gag Grouper:		
Red Grouper:		
Yellowfin Grouper:		
Scamp:		
Red Hind:		
Rock Hind:		
Yellowmouth Grouper:		

RED SNAPPER		
Red Snapper:		

DEEP WATER GROUPERS		
SPECIES	ROUND WEIGHT	GUTTED WEIGHT
Snowy Grouper:		
Misty Grouper:		
Yellowedge Grouper:		
Warsaw Grouper:		
Speckled: Hind:		

TILEFISHES		
Tilefish:		
Goldface Tilefish:		
Blackline Tilefish:		
Blueline Tilefish:		
Anchor Tilefish:		

**No Purchases for any of the above species were made during this month****Submitted by****Name (please print) :** _____ **Phone (please print) :** _____**Signature:** _____ **Date:** ____/____/2006

Mail reports to: Michael Judge
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Report online at: <https://grunt.sefsc.noaa.gov/QMS/>
Fax Reports to: 305/361-4460

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